

Remarks

The Applicants have amended the Specification in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion on page 15 at lines 11-13 to remove the second iteration of "dispersed and supported therein" language. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

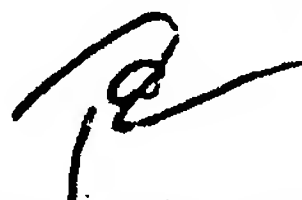
Claims 1-4, 7, 9-14, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Ohya. The Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of those claims.

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the hypothetical combination of Zuber with Ohya. The Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is now moot in view of the cancellation of Claim 8.

The Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 5, 6, 15, 16, 19 and 20 would be allowed if rewritten into independent form. The Applicants have cancelled all of the pending claims. New Claims 21-32 have been added. New Claim 21 corresponds to the subject matter of original Claims 1 and 5. New Claims 22-24 correspond to original Claims 2-4, respectively. New Claims 25-30 correspond to Claims 6-11, respectively. Finally, new Claims 31 and 32 correspond to original Claims 15 and 16. Inasmuch as all of the new claims contain the subject matter of original Claims 1 and 5, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the newly submitted claims are in condition for allowance. Confirmation is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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